dule, with the advancement of Dayment in mutually agreed cases, Store gets additional profit margin.

(d) to (f) Super Bazar has informed that delay in payments do occur sometimes depending on availability of cash flow, which at times get disturbed on account of inordinately delayed payments by credit buyers mostly Government offices which constitute over 25% of the sales turnover of the Super Bazar. Super Bazar has further informed that all such representations received from suppliers in this regard are attended to and as far as possible immediate relief is provided.

(g) Super Bazar is dealing in about 29,000 items and about 3,000 Bills are received in a month. The exercise of collecting, tabulating, computing these exhaustive information and the details asked for will involve considerable time and labour and hence may not be possible to furnish the same.

Godowns for PDS in States

680. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE . Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount sanctioned by the Central Government during the last three years to each of the State Governments for setting up godowns in the remote and interior areas of those States for Public Distribution System;

(b) the total storage capacity created in each State during the same period ;

(c) whether the objective of starting the scheme for construction of godowns in the interiors and remote areas has been released and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) : (a) and (b) A statement giving the financial assistance to States/UTs and the storage capacity is attached. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The objective of the scheme is to assist the State Governments and U.T. Administrations to strengthen the infrastructure of the Public Distribution System in the States and U.Ts by augmenting their storage capacity. States/UTs. Which have availed of financial assistance from the Central Government under this scheme, have reported increase in their storage capacity

Statement

Financial assistance sanctioned to State Governments/U.T. Administrations for construction of Godowns during 1991-92, 1992-93 *and* 1993-94

(Rs. in lakhs)

(Capacity in MTs)

S. No.	State	Total	
		Amount	Capacity
1	2	3	4
1	Arunachal Pradesh	27.70	800
2	Bihar	83.04	7000
3	Gujarat	64.64	4000
4	Jammu & Kashmir	82.45	21

1	2	3	4
5	Karnataka	132.00	8200
6	Kerala	41.50	2000
7	Madhya Pradesh	196.08	12000
8	Maharashtra	97.48	5000
9	Manipur	18.00	600
10	Mizoram	83.55	3200
11	Nagaland	25.00	600
12	Orissa	208.00	13000
13	Rajasthan	20.70	2000
14	Sikkim	60.75	2600
15	Tripura	30.00	1250
16	West Bengal	96.46	6000
17	A & N Islands	41.00	1000
18	Lakshadweep	7.50	500
	TOTAL	1315.85	71850

BICP study on excise duty concessions

681. SHRI O. P. KOHLI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) has initiated a study to find out whether the industries had passed on fully or partly the excise duty concessions to consumers;

(b) if so, has the study been completed and if so the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether a similar study was undertaken previously also by BICP and if so, what action was taken on the recommendations/suggestions thereof;

(d) whether in another study the BICP had recommended the transportation of crude oil throug inland water rather than pipeline mode of movement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Study is in progress.

(c) Yes Sir. An assurance has been given in the Rajya Sabha to place BICP report on the table of the House. Action is being taken to fulfill the assurance.

(d) and (e) Ministry of Surface Transport has informed that BICP has made a comparative study of the transportation of crude oil from Brauni to Haldia by pipeline as well